

**Meeting date:** 30 November 2020  
**Sub Committee / spokesperson report:** Licensing Secretary (Michael Traill)

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The following report is circulated to provide members of the Community Council with an update on the work of the Licensing Secretary since our meeting held on 28 September 2020 (no update was given at our meeting of 26 October 2020).

## **1. Short Term Lets**

- 1.1. A response was submitted to the Scottish Governments most recent consultation on Short Term Lets. Jim, Michael and Sally finalised the response which was duly submitted.
- 1.2. Our response can be read online - <http://www.leithlinksc.org.uk/leith-links-community-council-respond-to-scottish-government-consultation-on-regulation-of-short-term-lets/>.
- 1.3. Our response was also published on social media in order to support other potentials responds to get the most out of the opportunity, with some good feedback received around our submission.
- 1.4. It is not clear when or if the Scottish Government will publish information on the submissions made to them but they are aiming to lay the secondary legislation giving local authorities powers to license short-term lets and introduce control areas in December so that it can be in force by spring 2021.
- 1.5. There is some evidence circulating online which shows that a growing number of properties used for Short Term Lets are changing to Private Residential Tenancies.
- 1.6. As advised by Old Town Community Council some Short Term Let operators have been applying for Certificates of Lawfulness from the planning authority where the property has been used as a Short Term Let for ten years. More information on such certificates can be found online - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning-applications-1/apply-certificate-lawfulness/1>.

## **2. Covid-19**

- 2.1. Where any businesses premises (licensed or otherwise) is acting , or reasonably suspected of acting in a manner which presents a public health risk in relation to Covid-19 including acting contrary to any Covid-19 legislation, such businesses may be reported to City of Edinburgh Council by emailing - [COVID-19.Business.Complaints@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:COVID-19.Business.Complaints@edinburgh.gov.uk) or by telephoning – 0131 200 2000.

## **3. Applications**

- 3.1. Leith Community Crops in Pots sought a permanent market operators license to replace their temporary license for their regular Sunday market. Our response to this was taken forward by Parks and Greenspaces as it sits within a local greenspace.
- 3.2. I am not aware of any other applications submitted which are of interest to us.